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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Progressive Medicine as It Is Practiced in California †

With this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, a new column is started under the caption "Department of Public Relations of the California Medical Association." Until such time as fact-finding investigations of special California problems reach a point of completion to warrant special comment, it may be necessary to print here matter of a general nature which has a bearing on the aims of this department. (See editorial in this issue, page 197.) With that thought in mind, a recent article by Michael M. Davis, Ph.D., director for medical services of the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago, is here reprinted.

When Doctor Davis visited California last year he had numerous meetings with members of the medical profession throughout the State. Because of his official connections, his authorship of books and broad knowledge of efforts in group medicine, his comments on his California observations are reprinted below. Coming from a visitor to California, the views of Davis should be of more or less interest to California physicians.

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During a visit in the late spring to San Francisco and Los Angeles, I had the opportunity to meet individually and in groups a considerable number of physicians. From officials of medical societies, from members of university medical faculties, from practitioners in various branches, I received an almost uniform impression that they and the medical profession in

* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellaneous.

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California as a whole are looking forward with open minds to impending changes in the practice of medicine and are endeavoring to make constructive plans that will enable physicians to take the leadership in these changes.

One outstanding problem faced by the medical profession in California is the recent though growing prevalence of the system of paying for medical service on an annual basis. This is regarded as a form of voluntary sickness insurance. Certain large industrial enterprises, notably the Southern Pacific Railway Company, have established systems of medical service for their employees, largely supported by regular weekly or monthly contributions from the beneficiaries, and it is probably because of the prominence and success of these industrial enterprises in sickness insurance that the idea of obtaining medical service in return for an agreed annual payment has become familiar to the population at large. Aside from examples in railway, mining and public utility corporations, the tendency is spreading in other industries, the California and Hawaiian Sugar Corporation and the General Controlling Corporation being among the large companies that are this year establishing similar services. . . .

That this idea has not only become prevalent among the employees and officers of large establishments is shown by the existence of numerous organizations, usually known as "hospital and health associations" or by some similar title, which "sell medical service" to individuals for \$1.50 to \$2.50 a month. The law in California, or its present interpretation, appears to regard such arrangements as service contracts and not as insurance. Hence, these hospital and health associations are not under the supervision of the state insurance department and do not have to comply with regulations concerning financial stability, such as would safeguard regular insurance enterprises. The consequences seem to have been unfortunate for many of those who have purchased such services. Contracts, in some instances at least, seem to be so drawn as to carry a good many exceptions in fine print so that what the purchaser thinks he is going to get will not be forthcoming when he asks for certain medical care during his illness.

Some of these organizations, however, have been in existence for ten years or more, which means that they must have given satisfactory service to their clients. On the other hand, there are fly-by-night concerns that make money on selling insurance rather than by giving service. But the striking thing is that a large section of the public is so imbued with the idea of buying medical service in this way that such "insurance" is salable. These associations engage one or more individual physicians to supply the medical care, an arrangement that tends toward buying such service at a cheap rate and of poor quality.

HOW ONE ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS

Some of these associations are indeed owned and operated by physicians, others apparently by laymen. One was found which, while it was nominally a lay corporation, was actually in the control of three physicians who owned the majority of the stock, the two laymen concerned being mere dummies. This organization presented the entertaining spectacle of the

controlling physicians making contracts in their corporate capacity with themselves in their individual capacity as practitioners, to provide medical service to clients of the organization. Other physicians were also employed. Of course the physicians in every case retained their legal responsibility as practitioners for the medical care of their cases. Here is a nice question for the legal mind: Is such an organization a corporation practicing medicine?

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
METROPOLITAN WATER BOARD

The constructive efforts of the medical profession of California are illustrated by the recently published plan of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, under which the society has agreed with the employees of the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles, in return for a fixed monthly payment from each member, to provide home or office care at agreed rates on a fixed published schedule, which is specified also for laboratory service, surgical operations and for hospital care. The monthly payment for each employee is to be \$1.50 to start with, with the expectation that this may have to be revised as the result of experience. The individual employee has the free choice of physicians among all the members of the medical society, but no individual physician is obligated to give service under these conditions unless he chooses to do so.

In an editorial in the June 18, 1931, bulletin of the society, the following comment is made on this plan:

"The working out of the basis of the coöperation with the Metropolitan Water District has given an opportunity to put into effect a trial of the practice of medicine on a group purchase plan basis, which allows all members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association to participate, instead of limiting the work to a small group. In the conferences between the special committee handling this matter and the representatives of the Metropolitan Water District, it has been distinctly understood that the plan as printed in this issue of the bulletin is an experimental one, and it is hoped that every member of the association will give whole-hearted coöperation in this effort to establish definite facts, so that we may avail ourselves of the accumulated knowledge for future contacts with various public and private organizations employing large groups of persons with a low earning capacity. It is understood that each member will give the best of his services and refrain from building up the fees unnecessarily, and in the event that proper treatment cannot be given on the basis of the fee schedule as arranged, adjustments will be made by the Metropolitan Water District and this committee.

"After a sufficient time has elapsed to have proved or disproved the correctness of this plan, a committee representative of the association will act as arbitrator in cases where inequity is thought to exist between the doctor, the patient and the Metropolitan Water District. This entire plan was read to the council at its last meeting and was unanimously approved and a vote of appreciation given to the committee for the manner in which this contract has been worked out. It is the hope of the council and of your officers that the membership as a whole will reciprocate with the Metropolitan Water District, as this appears to be a step forward in the solution of the much discussed problem of state medicine."

COMBATING THE SECTS AND HEALERS

California physicians face one difficulty more than those of any other state—the sects and the healers. If one opens the classified telephone directory in Los Angeles, one finds something that I have seen

in no other city in the United States. Under the heading, "Physicians and Surgeons," there appear as sub-headings, "chiropractic physicians," "osteopathic physicians," "naturopathic physicians," each in alphabetical order, and (save the mark!) "medical doctors," under which heading the licensed practitioners with the degree of M. D. are found. One of the deans of the profession in Southern California said to me, "We have had no success whatever in combating the sectarian practitioners and the healers. When we have fought them, the citizens of the state have backed them up, even by referendum. They have sometimes capitalized our opposition in order to win support for themselves as underdogs. How can we deal with this problem?"

The constructive method of dealing with it has already been illustrated by the attempt to supply service of a quality that will insure satisfactory results through a system and amount of payment that will satisfy the client financially. It is significant that the California State Medical Society is grappling with this problem constructively, illustrating in a larger way what the county society is attempting. Through a committee officially appointed by the state society, a plan is being worked out for demonstrating how medical services can be supplied to a considerable area, such as a county, at an agreed annual sum per person, and with a specified schedule of rates for the various forms of medical service. As an officer of the society said to me, "The citizens of California are demanding something. If we of the medical profession do not meet the demand, lay groups will take away from us the power of initiative."

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Next month additional matter of current interest will be given. At the annual session to be held at Pasadena on May 2-5, it is hoped to bring in a tentative progress report. In the meantime, suggestions from members will be gladly received.

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CANCER COMMISSION OF THE
CALIFORNIA MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION

Program for Pasadena Meeting.—Attractive features of the cancer field are in preparation for the California Medical Association meeting in Pasadena, May 2-6. As announced in this column in January, the California Medical Association Council has invited as one of the guest speakers Dr. Robert B. Greenough of the Harvard Cancer Commission and Cancer Committee of the American College of Surgeons. Doctor Greenough will speak on "What the Medical Profession Can Do to Reduce Cancer Mortality." Following his address the Cancer Commission will offer a report of its activity during its first year of work.

Following the first general session on Monday, a luncheon will be arranged for members of all the Cancer Commission committees and others interested, at which plans for the work of the ensuing year will be discussed.

On the second day of the convention, the section of which Dr. S. H. Mentzer is secretary plans a symposium on a number of interesting surgical aspects of cancer. In addition, the Section on Pathology will devote its Wednesday morning session to a round-table conference on cancer, a paper being read on "The Relation of Chronic Cystic Mastitis to Cancer of

the Breast," with Doctor Greenough participating in the discussion.

Directed by the Pathology section leader, Dr. Z. E. Bolin, and Dr. Newton Evans of Los Angeles, the Commission is at work on arrangements for a special microscopic pathology conference planned for the pathologists attending the convention—this to be held on Sunday, May 1, at the White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. Detailed arrangements will be announced later.

California Conference of Social Work.—The California Conference of Social Work has appointed a special Committee on Cancer and offered its cooperation to the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association. This committee consists of: Walter M. Dickie, M. D., of Berkeley, Chairman; Ruth Cooper, Director of Social Service, Los Angeles County General Hospital; N. Florence Cummings, Director of Social Service, Stanford Hospital, San Francisco; William R. Dorr, M. D., Superintendent of Riverside County Hospital, Arlington; and Margaret L. Spiers, Berkeley Health Center. The social service problem in the control of cancer will be given special attention through this committee's activities at a conference to be held in Riverside during the first week of May.

Extension Committee.—Cancer programs were given under the auspices of the Cancer Commission before the San Joaquin County Medical Society on December 10, 1931, before the Fresno Society on February 2, and before the Tulare Society on February 28. A similar program is being planned for a joint meeting of the Stanislaus, Merced, and Tuolumne County Medical Societies.

In Southern California the Glendale Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Society turned over its meeting of February 15 to a team of men representing the Cancer Commission. Requests have come in from the Pasadena and Santa Monica Branches for evening programs in the immediate future.

The following county societies have been visited with the district councilors and plans of the Cancer Commission presented by a member either of the Commission or of the Extension Committee: Northern District Medical Society, October 13, 1931; Napa, November 4; Sonoma, November 12; Monterey, February 5, and Santa Clara, February 17.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

Official Notice

The state board of the Woman's Auxiliary is offering prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$5 for the three best papers on "Educating a Doctor's Wife." This contest is open to any doctor in California who is in good standing in the state society, his wife, and children. Maximum number of words is 500; minimum number, 200. Papers should be sent to Mrs. W. H. Sargent, 109 Beechwood Drive, Oakland, not later than March 31, 1932. The names of the judges will be announced in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. The winning papers will be read at the annual session of the California Medical Association Woman's Auxiliary in Pasadena the first week of May.

*As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Louis H. Dyke, chairman of Publicity and Publications Committee, 6008 Rose Street, Oakland. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Dyke and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editors to allocate one page in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.

A meeting of the state board of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was held on February 6 in Santa Barbara at the Hotel Vista Mar Monte.

Mrs. Doane gave an interesting report on the auxiliary program for the state convention in May. This program will be announced in the April number. The auxiliaries are urged to send as many members as possible to the convention since many delightful events are being planned for their entertainment.

The members of the Santa Barbara Auxiliary entertained the members of the state board at a delightful tea immediately following the business meeting. The tea was held in the Hotel Samarkand and Mrs. Henry J. Profant, the president, who is a pianist of note, entertained the guests with some delightful numbers. The guests also enjoyed the gardens of the hotel, some of the most beautiful in the city of Santa Barbara.

The following members of the board were present: Mrs. William H. Sargent, president; Mrs. F. E. Coulter, president-elect; Mrs. C. Stevens, first vice-president; Mrs. S. W. Weil, second vice-president; Mrs. M. Harding, recording secretary; Mrs. A. R. Alexander, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. J. Teass, treasurer; and councilors Mesdames J. B. Barrows, W. L. Blodgett, F. E. Clough, P. S. Doane, L. H. Dyke, A. M. Henderson, C. P. Proudfoot, and L. C. Kinney.

Component County Auxiliaries

Contra Costa County.—The Woman's Auxiliary to the Contra Costa Medical Society were entertained at their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. R. Blake, president, on January 12. The state president, Mrs. W. S. Sargent was the guest of honor. Mrs. Sargent outlined the program for the coming year and explained the essay contest which is now being sponsored by the state board.

Mrs. L. A. Hedges was appointed county hygeia chairman and Mrs. U. S. Abbott, chairman of the Speakers' Bureau. At the request of Doctor Church, the county health officer, Mrs. S. N. Weil and Mrs. J. N. McCullough were appointed to study the status of milk inspection throughout the county. These members will confer with Doctor Church and endeavor to offer constructive suggestions.

A delightful luncheon was served by Mrs. Blake, following the business session.

Santa Barbara Auxiliary.—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara Medical Society was held in the staff room of the St. Francis Hospital December 14, with the president, Mrs. H. J. Profant, presiding. There were thirteen members present.

Dr. F. J. Nuzum's talk on "Research Problems of the Cottage Hospital Laboratory" proved very interesting.

Mrs. Profant read a note from Dr. W. E. Johnson thanking the auxiliary for its expression of sympathy in his recent bereavement.

The next meeting being the annual meeting and election of officers, the president appointed on the Nominating Committee Mrs. Mellinger, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Blaisdell and Mrs. Freidall.

Our state president, Mrs. W. H. Sargent, spoke on the aims and purposes of the auxiliary. The auxiliary provides a medium between doctors and laity, and creates a better understanding between the doctors and their families. She urged that the magazine *Hygeia* be placed in public schools and other public places. The president appointed Mrs. R. F. Atsatt as chairman of the activity.

Following a general discussion refreshments were served by Mesdames Henderson, Roome, and Mellinger, and a social time was enjoyed.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held in the St. Francis Room of Del Paseo, Monday evening, January 11, with a delicious dinner preceding the business session. Fourteen members and one guest were present: Mrs. Profant, president, presiding.

Immediately following the dinner, Dr. Emily O. Lamb spoke on "The Need for a Child Guidance Clinic in Santa Barbara."

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Receipts for the year were \$90 and disbursements, \$46.72; leaving a balance on hand of \$43.28.

The secretary gave the annual report of the year's activities.

Officers for the year 1931: Mrs. H. J. Profant, president; Mrs. H. F. Freidell, first vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Stevens, second vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Eaton, secretary-treasurer.

Six regular meetings were held during the year and one social evening at the home of the president. Two meetings were canceled and the members voted to adjourn during the three summer months.

The programs have been educational and social, with musical programs at several of the meetings. Reports of the delegates to the state convention were given at one meeting. The average attendance at meetings was twelve.

Contribution made to the Drought Relief Fund was later returned. The auxiliary assisted at a tea given at St. Francis Hospital on Hospital Day.

There are twenty-four paid-up members.

Following the reading of these reports the nominating committee presented the following names for election to office for the ensuing year, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. W. H. Eaton, president; Mrs. R. F. Atsatt, vice-president; Mrs. K. F. Wilson, secretary; Mrs. F. E. Blaisdell, Jr., treasurer.

The following article is from the resolution passed by the House of Delegates, Oregon State Medical Society, October 24, 1931:

Whereas, The Woman's Auxiliary has made notable progress during the past year in organizing the wives of physicians and interesting them in the dissemination of sound health information to the lay public, particularly in their various local clubs; and

Whereas, The aid of the auxiliary is indispensable in the promulgation of such knowledge and assisting the medical profession in the work of educating lay people to the great truths of scientific medicine; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Delegates of the Oregon State Medical Society express to the Woman's Auxiliary its deep appreciation of their invaluable services and pledge its whole-hearted support to their future program.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The February meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held on Tuesday evening, February 9, at the nurses' home of the County Hospital at Martinez.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. S. N. Weil of Rodeo. A letter was presented from Mrs. L. H. Fraser, secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, explaining the details of a proposed contest on "Educating a Doctor's Wife." A very gracious note of thanks was read from Dr. C. L. Abbott, in appreciation of his having been elected an honorary member of our local society.

Under new business, application for membership was presented from Dr. Selby Marks of Pittsburg. It was regularly moved and seconded that he be ac-

cepted into membership, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Two technicians from the Petrolagar Laboratories showed motion pictures, one on appendectomy, the other on the anatomy of the abdominal wall. The films were very well received, showing that an interesting review of some of the basic principles is welcome. Our guests of the evening, Dr. Montague Woolf and Dr. James Morgan of San Francisco, gave a most comprehensive talk on "The Modern Treatment of Cancer of the Rectum." They presented an instructive film of the Miles abdominoperineal excision of the rectum, made in London, and the only one of its kind in the United States.

Guests who attended other than the speakers, Dr. Woolf and Dr. Morgan of San Francisco, were: Dr. Dick and Dr. Burke of Oakland, Mrs. Merry of Berkeley, Dr. Morken of Martinez, Dr. Kearns of Pittsburg, and Dr. Edmeads of Concord. Members present were: Doctors Ford, J. W. Bumgarner, Fraser, Harmon, Daily, and Clara Spalding of Richmond; Neufeld of Bay Point, Rowell and McCullough of Crockett, Beard and Sweetser of Martinez, Knorr of Concord, Weil of Rodeo, Stauffer and Marks of Pittsburg.

CLARA H. SPALDING, *Secretary*.

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FRESNO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held at Hotel Fresno on February 2, dinner being served at 7 p. m. There was a very fine attendance at this meeting, about fifty members being present.

The application for transfer of membership of Dr. Giuseppe Vercellini from Los Angeles County to Fresno County was read and accepted on motion of Dr. C. O. Mitchell, seconded by Doctor Tillman. On payment of regular annual dues, Dr. G. Vercellini will become an active member of the Fresno County Medical Society.

The police department medical plan of having an open panel on industrial fee basis was brought before the society and left for further consideration until our next regular meeting.

Announcement was made of the acceptance by the board of governors of an invitation by Dr. E. R. Morris for the society to meet at Wish-I-Ah Sanitarium for their April meeting, with a complimentary dinner, thus giving the members two months in which to make arrangements to attend this meeting. The topic for the evening's discussion, pulmonary tuberculosis, will be programmed by Dr. E. R. Morris.

Dr. J. S. Munch, the consultant pharmacologist and toxicologist for the United States Department of Agriculture, also the consultant pharmacologist for Sharpe & Dohme, who was in Fresno in an advisory capacity in regard to the cases of thallium poisoning at the General Hospital, gave a short discussion on thallium poisoning.

This was followed by the clinical program of the evening. Objectives, organization, and program of the California Medical Association Cancer Commission was explained by Dr. C. A. Dukes of Oakland, chairman.

Dr. Z. E. Bolin of San Francisco gave an excellent discussion, demonstrating with lantern slides the pathology of breast cancer. Any infiltrating growth with no capsule is practically always cancer. Methods of spread by lymphatics and infiltration were shown.

Dr. A. R. Kilgore of San Francisco gave a most helpful symposium on the proper methods of physical examination of the breast and exploration and technique of radical operation for breast cancer, which was illustrated and explained in detail by use of lantern slides.

Dr. R. S. Stone of San Francisco discussed radiotherapy of breast cancer, as to when it should be used as a preoperative measure, also postoperative, as well as the proper dosage and advantages of both.

The meeting adjourned with all present feeling that a most profitable evening had been spent.

The meeting of the board of governors was held at Hotel Fresno at 6:15 p. m., preceding the regular dinner meeting.

A letter from Curtis Publishing Company was read in regard to an article to appear in *The Ladies Home Journal*, entitled "Saver of Mothers" in which a better prenatal care for mothers is insisted upon, urging pregnant women to report to their family physician early in pregnancy in order to get better care and thereby reduce the mortality rate in childbirth. The board voted to endorse this article and instructed the president to take care of this matter.

The matter of an entirely open panel on an industrial basis fee schedule for the police department, for sickness only, among their members was brought before the board and discussed. The plan being that each member of the police department fund could call their own family physician in case of sickness and the fund would pay the physician and hospital and industrial rates for services rendered. It was decided to also bring this matter before the society at the next succeeding meeting.

The American Red Cross, Fresno chapter, asked for a consultation committee to help them in their work in the child welfare clinics of the city. This was referred to the president, to be taken up with the four pediatricians of this city.

The president appointed a committee from the society to meet with the county committee, appointed by Doctor Morris, to discuss measures for putting on a campaign for the enlightenment of people as regards early diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis and proper care. Those appointed were: Doctors Dau, Jorgensen, and Sciaroni.

An invitation was extended to the Fresno County Medical Society to have their April meeting at Wish-I-Ah Sanitarium, with a complimentary dinner and the evening devoted to a discussion on early diagnosis of tuberculosis. The board of governors accepted the invitation. **ELMER J. SCHMIDT, Secretary.**

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MARIN COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Marin County Medical Society was held on Thursday evening, January 28, at the Meadow Golf Club of Tamalpais. The occasion was a joint meeting of the medical and dental societies. It began at 7 p. m. with dinner.

Dr. H. O. Howitt, retiring president, introduced the following new officers for the coming year: C. A. Delancy, president; C. G. Perry, vice-president; and L. L. Robinson, secretary-treasurer.

The guest speakers were Assemblyman Charles Reindollar of San Rafael and Mr. Gail Apperson of the Marin County Credits Association. Mr. Reindollar gave a very interesting talk on medical legislation and the need of closer coöperation between the local medical societies and their representatives in the state legislature. Mr. Gail Apperson spoke of the benefits derived from a local credit organization for doctors and dentists. This talk was also very interesting.

Several of the visiting dentists gave short talks, showing their appreciation of the invitation from the medical society. They stated that they would probably have a joint meeting later in the year and invite members of the medical profession. Following this, two talkie surgical films were shown by a representative of the Petrolagar Company. These talkies were the first shown in the local society and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, so much so that a request was made to the effect that the Petrolagar Company be given the privilege to show additional films at a later meeting.

Forty members of the medical and dental profession were present. **L. L. ROBINSON, Secretary.**

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital on Tuesday, February 2, at 8 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the first vice-president, Dr. Fred B. Moor, in the absence of the president, Dr. George Landon, who is ill.

There were sixty members and guests present.

The application of Dr. Arthur George of Loma Linda was passed upon and he was admitted to the society.

The program of the evening was then given:

Symposium on Influenza—History of Influenza, Dr. Frank Pritchard; Etiology and Pathology, Dr. Louisa Bacon; Classifications and Symptoms, Dr. David Mock; Differential Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Sequelae, Dr. F. F. Abbott; General Treatment, Dr. George Landon; Physiotherapy in Treatment, Dr. Fred Moor; Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Complications, Dr. Arthur T. Gage; Surgical Complications, Dr. E. L. Tisinger; Heart Complications, Dr. Donald Brumbaugh; Prophylaxis and Public Health, Dr. E. B. Godfrey.

After this program was given, our councilor for the third district, Dr. H. J. Ullmann of Santa Barbara, was introduced. At the conclusion of his address Doctor Ullmann answered various questions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 o'clock after which refreshments were served. **E. J. EYTINGE, Secretary.**

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The program of the January meeting of the San Diego County Medical Society was provided through the generosity of the Scripps Lecture Foundation, following a custom of the last five years. Dr. Lewellys F. Barker of Baltimore was the guest speaker. Clinics were held by Doctor Barker for the county society at the Naval Hospital, the County Hospital, and at the Scripps Memorial Hospital. On Saturday evening, January 9, the county society members were guests of Miss Ellen Scripps and Mr. J. C. Harper at dinner at the Casa de Manana, and following dinner the regular January meeting was held at the Woman's Club House in La Jolla. Doctor Barker presented a paper on "Obesity." The county society is deeply indebted to the Scripps Foundation and to Doctor Sherrill, director of the Scripps Metabolic Clinic for this annual January program.

The Board of Supervisors of San Diego County at their first meeting in January reestablished the existing administration at the County Hospital. Dr. C. E. Sisson was reappointed as superintendent and also given the title of business manager. The advisory board was continued without a change in personnel. Dr. Chester O. Tanner, president of the San Diego Medical Society and Dr. James D. Bobbitt are the representatives of the County Medical Society on the advisory board. The administration at the County Hospital received the full approval of the 1931 Grand Jury.

On Tuesday evening, January 19, Dr. Willis C. Campbell of Memphis was the guest speaker of the San Diego Academy of Medicine. His subject was "The Treatment of Affections of the Lumbosacral Region." The operations of sacro-iliac and sacro-lumbar fixation were depicted by unusually satisfactory moving-picture films.

The County Medical Society is broadcasting over KFSD every Wednesday morning at 10:15. The broadcasting is under the direction of the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation, with Dr. O. W. Weiskotten as chairman.

The February meeting was held in the Elks' Club. Dr. Loyal Davis of Northwestern University presented a paper on "The Effects of Various Diagnostic and Therapeutic Solutions Upon the Spinal Cord and Its Membranes."

L. C. KINNEY, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, January 7, in the Medico-Dental clubrooms, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton. The meeting was called to order by President George H. Sanderson.

A committee, consisting of Doctors Sutton, Gallegos and Sippy, was appointed to answer a questionnaire in regard to free clinics and the conduct of the County Hospital.

A membership committee was appointed as follows: Doctors Rohrbacher, Thompson, and Doughty.

The president read his opening address in which he urged better programs to stimulate greater attendance on the part of our members. He emphasized the importance of maintaining the ethical standards of our membership and the exclusion of irregulars from our hospitals.

Doctor Sanderson urged this county society to do all possible to keep out lay control of medical practice and the inroads of irregular practitioners; to make our society a place to foster better training and closer fellowship.

Doctors Holliger and Sheldon presented some x-ray films showing metastases from breast tumors into bony tissue in one case and into the lungs in a second case.

A paper on "Current Medical Problems in the American Tropics" was read by Dr. H. H. Anderson, associate professor in practice of tropical medicine at the University of California. This was a most interesting travelogue of a recent trip through Central America, illustrated with many moving pictures.

Barefoot natives suffering from infections with ascaris and hookworm were shown.

Patients living in the coffee belt at 2000 to 4000 feet elevation suffer from infection of the entacirca in the subcutaneous tissues of the neck and scalp. This peculiar disease is found nowhere else. The only treatment seems to be excision. In Costa Rica, among a population of 56,000 in San Jose, the *Entameba histolytica* is a very common infection. Emetin is the most valuable drug for control of this disease. Typhoid is endemic here; malaria of the subtertian type and black water fever are very prevalent.

In Panama, where malaria used to be common—800 cases per 100,000—it has been reduced to fifteen by mosquito control. In the interior, 20 per cent of the people suffer from malaria and one-third have amebae. In some of the outlying districts, where there is no control, 60 per cent have malaria. This is readily reduced to 5 per cent as soon as they adopt prophylactic measures and screen their houses.

The doctor introduced a new remedy for amebiasis which, to date, has proven more effective than any other drug. This is carbasone. The patient takes one capsule night and morning for ten days, then rests for ten days before repeating. Ninety per cent of the cases clear up in the first ten days. All other forms of treatment have required six months or more. Out of seventy-five cases treated this way at the University Hospital, all but four were cured.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held at St. Francis Hospital staff room on February 8, Doctor Koefod presiding. The secretary was unavoidably absent.

The minutes were deferred till the next meeting. On motion of Doctor Shelton it was voted that the next meeting be a dinner meeting held at a time when we may entertain and hear Doctor John, who will be

here over the week-end on his way to San Francisco; and perhaps it will be possible to have Doctor Alvarez at the same time.

The paper of the evening was given by Dr. Hans Lisser on "Endocrine Disturbances of the Adrenal Glands." He went into the history and advances in our knowledge of these organs, detailed many unusual and interesting cases, showing a large number of lantern slides of patients and pathological specimens. Small and large tumors of the adrenals were shown on the screen with the changes in facial and body characteristics before and after removal.

The paper was extensively discussed by Doctors Koehler, Shelton, Sansum, and Nuzum.

It was a most interesting meeting.

P. C. MEANS, *Secretary Pro Tem*.



SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The December meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, the annual social meeting, was called to order in the auditorium of the San Jose Medico-Dental Building by President Fagerstrom and was well attended.

The application for membership of the following physicians were read and referred to the Admission Committee: Doctors Lee M. Watanabee of San Jose, C. E. Shepard of Stanford University, and Honora McCarty of Agnew.

The program of the evening was in charge of Dr. Stanley Kneeshaw, who presented the performers. The voices of several prominent contemporary politicians and men of affairs were heard in a radio broadcast. Dr. Samuel Staub also impersonated Dr. Charles Mayo. The wholesome humor of this part of the program was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the members. Several well rendered musical numbers were presented by Dr. Charles Richards and other musicians. Refreshments were then served. The remainder of the evening was spent in games of cards and other social diversion. A genuine spirit of good fellowship pervaded the meeting. Many expressed the wish that this annual custom might be repeated for many years to come.



The regular meeting of the Santa Clara County Society was called to order by President Fagerstrom in the auditorium of the Medico-Dental Building on the evening of January 20.

The applications for membership of the following physicians were read and referred to the Admission Committee: Doctors Dan Brodovsky of Santa Clara County Hospital, Paul T. Martin of San Jose, and R. Wesley Wright of Palo Alto.

Dr. Frank Rudisill Bealer, having been favorably recommended by the Admission Committee, was elected into the membership of the society.

The written resignation of Dr. A. Mausert was read.

A letter addressed to the Parent-Teacher Association concerning the matter of preschool examinations was proposed by Dr. Lucas Empey. The letter stated that the members of the Santa Clara County Medical Society could not cooperate in the matter of preschool examinations unless some entirely new system could be worked out which would overcome certain objections which make the present procedure practically worthless, as far as any benefit to the children is concerned. A motion by Doctor Durney that the secretary be instructed to send this letter to the Parent-Teacher Associations of Santa Clara County was unanimously carried.

Dr. Fred Ryan brought to the attention of the society the fact that a certain company was attempting to obtain a fee schedule below that now in force in industrial practice. Dr. Peter Jordon then moved that the following resolution be adopted by the society:

Resolved, That the industrial fee schedule now in force be observed by every member of the Santa Clara County Medical Association, and that each of the members present who does not register his dissent expresses himself as being in accord with and agreeing to abide by the fee schedule adopted by the committee on industrial practice of the California Medical Association with the insurance company, including the state fund; and be it further

Resolved, That all members of the Santa Clara County Medical Society are to be held bound by the adoption of the ethics applicable to industrial practice heretofore adopted by this society; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to inform all members of the Society not present at the meeting of this resolution. A standing vote on this resolution resulted in its adoption.

The following program on medical economics was presented:

Address—"Present Status of Medical Economics from the Viewpoint of the Medical Profession," by Dr. Daniel Crosby, Oakland.

The Remedy—"An Intrasociety Insurance Company," by Dr. John H. Shepard, San Jose.

Address—"Present-Day Medical Service as Viewed by the Layman and a Discussion of the Plan Proposed by Doctor Shepard," by Mr. Hartley Peart, San Francisco, general counsel of the California State Medical Association.

After a discussion in which several members participated, Dr. Edward Newell moved that a committee be appointed to draw up in writing a definite insurance plan for families with an annual income below \$2000 per year, along the lines suggested by Dr. John Shepard. The motion was carried and the following committee appointed: Doctors John H. Shepard (chairman), Enos P. Cook, S. B. Van Dalsem, Fred Ryan, and D. P. Fagerstrom.

LUCAS W. EMPEY, *Secretary*.

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STANISLAUS COUNTY

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Stanislaus County Medical Society was held on February 12. Twenty-seven doctors were present. Dr. A. L. Van Meter and Dr. George H. Sanderson of Stockton and Dr. B. E. McDowell and Dr. Chester A. Moyle of Merced were visitors at the meeting.

Dr. E. R. McPheeters asked for an opinion on hospital advertising in magazines and local newspapers. It was moved, seconded and carried, that no member of this society extend to any newspaper or magazine any advertising unless it is endorsed by the medical society and honored by the secretary.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that in cases where it be advisable to publish any card or notice by any member of the medical society it shall be submitted to the secretary, and if there is any doubt it be submitted to the censors of the society as a whole for approval.

Case reports were presented by the following doctors:

Donald L. Robertson—Diverticulum of the Stomach.

F. R. DeLappe—Diverticulum of the Duodenal-jejunal Junction.

A. L. Van Meter of Stockton—A Fracture of the Humerus Treated by Aeroplane Splint.

George H. Sanderson of Stockton—Cartilaginous Tumor of the Thumb.

J. K. Ransom—An Unusual Case of Pernicious Anemia.

E. F. Hagedorn—A review of six cases of fractured hip, the last two of which were treated by the Carl P. Jones splint.

Hans Hartman—Statistical review of one hundred and sixty-six cases of appendectomy.

DONALD L. ROBERTSON, *Secretary*.

TULARE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held in Visalia on January 27.

Dinner was served at 7 p. m. The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by H. G. Campbell, president.

The application of Dr. Philip S. Barber of Porterville for membership in the society was favorably acted upon.

Election of officers for the ensuing year was held and the following members were elected to fill the respective offices: S. S. Ginsburg of Visalia, president; E. C. Bond of Hanford, vice-president; Karl F. Weiss of Visalia, secretary-treasurer.

The following members were present: Doctors Campbell, Seligman, Annie Bond, E. C. Bond, Hill, Hicks, Guido, Kohn, Betts, Preston, Fowler, Lipson, Banks, Zumwalt, Weiss, and Ginsburg. Guests: Dr. S. Suckerman, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. W. Haight, Visalia; Mr. Stanford, Visalia; and Doctor Telefer.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Platt W. Covington, western representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, spoke on "Public Health." The address was warmly received by those present, followed by a resolution to render all possible support to the new plan of public health administration.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Alameda—Thomas O. Grieg, Charles K. Small, Francis X. Strong.

Lassen-Plumas County—B. H. Wardrip.

Los Angeles County—

David N. Alcon
William C. Boeck
Jesse L. Brockow
William M. Byers
Lyle G. Craig
John B. Doyle
H. Manning Elliott
George J. Hartman
W. C. Hixson, Jr.
John W. Hopkins
Henry Leon Jones

Milton Kerlan
Harold K. Marshall
Philip Paul B. McElhinney
Albert Julius Meyer
Ralph Floyd Miller
Herbert S. Mooney
Paul H. Smitgen
Carl Hubert Talmage
Harry Wellington Vance
Robert D. Wilson

Monterey County—Marcel R. Bedri, Clinton Wilson.

Placer County—David M. Kindopp.

Sacramento County—Thomas William Kelsey, James F. McAnally.

San Francisco County—

Albert Ringstrom Agmar
Charles W. Barnett
Hildegard Henderson
Gertrude Flint Jones
Gerald George Cleary
Thomas J. Cox
Robert Douglas Dunn

Alfred Henry Heald
Joseph James Raffetto
William A. Reilly
Archie Marvin Roberts
William Lister Rogers
George William Tippet

Santa Barbara County—Jules Bertero, A. M. Beekler, John Howard Childrey, Alfred Edward Koehler, Charles August Preuss.

Santa Clara County—Paul Todd Martin.

Santa Cruz County—John M. Dunphy, M. McPherson.

Tehama County—John J. Fitzgerald, Edward S. Moulton.

Tuolumne County—Robert Lucian Hamilton, Jens P. Jensen.

Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County—Charles S. Roller, Ney M. Salter.

Transfers

Christopher Leggo, from Solano to Contra Costa County.

Sverre Oftedal, from Los Angeles County to North Dakota.

James T. Parker, from San Diego to Alameda County.

Lawrence K. Zimmer, from Los Angeles County to Kansas.

Resignations

Elmer M. Claiborne from Los Angeles County.

In Memoriam

Salisbury, Samuel S. Died at Los Angeles, February 1, 1932. Graduate of Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1873. Licensed in California, 1887. Doctor Salisbury was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Sampson, Jacob Henry. Died at San Francisco, February 9, 1932, age 66 years. Graduate of University of Texas School of Medicine, Galveston, 1894. Licensed in California, 1908. Doctor Sampson was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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Tillmanns, Ernest Gustav Nathaniel. Died at Los Angeles, January 25, 1932, age 51 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1914. Licensed in California, 1916. Doctor Tillmanns was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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O. HOVENDEN, McGill.....President-Elect
J. H. HASTINGS, Ploche.....First Vice-President
E. E. HAMER, Carson City.....Second Vice-President
HORACE J. BROWN, Reno.....Secretary

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society met in the Veterans' Hall, State Building, on the evening of February 8, Dr. John J. Sullivan presiding.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Sullivan of Carson City, chairman of the Nevada Industrial Commission, was to be the speaker of the evening, but owing to acute illness he sent his regrets for not being present.

The application of Dr. J. P. Tuttle of Salt Lake County, accompanied by a letter from the secretary of the Salt Lake County Medical Society, was read and the applicant voted into the society.

A series of resolutions on sundry medical society affairs were offered by Doctor Servoss, chairman of the Board of Censors, and signed by Doctors Arthur Landers and Fleet Harrison, other members of the Board of Censors. The resolutions were read and ordered printed, and a copy of each sent to members. They were held over until the next regular meeting for a second reading, to be acted upon by the society.

There was considerable comment by various members with reference to the resolutions as read, but action on same was deferred until next meeting.

The following members were present: Doctors Sullivan, Morrison, Muller, Landers, J. L. Robinson, Smith, Dwight Hood, Williams, Egan, Harrison, Fuller, Tuttle, Hund, Maclean, Stadtherr, Servoss, DaCosta, Lehnars, W. H. Hood, Paradis, and Bath. Visitors were: Doctors McPherson and Davis Westwood.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

R. A. PEARSE, Brigham City.....President
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L. R. COWANS, Salt Lake City.....Secretary
J. U. GIESY, Kearns Building, Salt Lake City
.....Associate Editor for Utah

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Beginning Tuesday, February 16, the Utah State Medical Association again goes on the air. Short five-minute talks will be given over station KDYL, Salt Lake, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 o'clock on health subjects. It is hoped that these brief considerations of matters affecting the public health may be the means of exciting interest and better understanding in the public mind of the objects of modern medicine. Listen in.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

BOX ELDER COUNTY

The meeting of the Box Elder County Medical Society, held in Brigham City October 15, 1931, was the annual election meeting, and the following officers were elected: E. H. White, president; T. E. Betenson, secretary; Dr. Merrill, vice-president; A. D. Cooley, delegate; O. D. Luke, alternate; R. A. Pearse and E. A. Weymuller, censors.

It was decided at the meeting to attend outside meetings and bring in special speakers for papers when possible.

The November meeting was postponed to meet with the Weber County Society.

Doctor Cooley was appointed to act as Public Relations man and Doctor Pearse was appointed to act on the Legislative Committee.

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The December meeting of the Box Elder County Medical Society was held in Tremonton on December 16.

Dr. Eugene Smith of Ogden gave a very instructive paper on "Intracranial Birth Injuries." Doctors Cooley, Pearse, White, Merrill, and Betenson were present. Dr. Jay M. Shaffer was also present and presented a membership card from the Salt Lake County Medical Society and asked admittance into the Box Elder County Medical Society. The matter was left with the censors to get a report from the Salt Lake County Society.

T. E. BETENSON, *Secretary*.

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SALT LAKE COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held Monday evening, January 11, at the Holy Cross Hospital. The meeting was called to order by President Neher at 8:05 o'clock. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and accepted.

President Neher then turned the meeting over to the Holy Cross Hospital for a clinical program.

Dr. J. P. Kerby presented a case of Osgood's disease of the knee.

Dr. W. A. Pettit presented a case of femoral hernia the sac of which contained a subacutely inflamed appendix.

Dr. L. N. Ossman presented a case of giant cell tumor of the femur.

Dr. Sol Kahn and Dr. J. P. Kerby presented a case of abdominal adhesions.

Dr. John Sugden presented a case of ulnar nerve paralysis.

President Neher then resumed the chair.

Dr. W. A. Pettit gave an interesting and detailed report on the activities and accomplishments of the

City Board of Health. He described the allocation of funds to the different activities of the board and showed that the division of food inspection received more in licenses than its expenses. He commented on the recent demands for reduced expenditures by the board and expressed a fear that this would endanger public health. This report was discussed by Drs. E. F. Root, J. P. Kerby, and L. J. Paul. President Neher announced the appointment of a Committee on Public Health and stated that the cooperation of this committee had been offered to the City Commission.

On Monday evening, January 25, a meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Newhouse Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 o'clock. Forty-seven members and two guests were present. President Neher then asked Dr. L. L. Daines, the acting dean of the Medical School, to take the chair.

Dr. C. B. Freudenberger presented a paper on "The Effects of a Deficiency of Recently Discovered Vitamins."

Dr. Seward E. Owen presented a paper on "Viscerocardiac Reflexes."

President Neher asked the vice-president, Dr. C. F. Pinkerton, to take the chair while he presented an important discussion of the problems in medical economics now facing the public and the medical profession. Referring to complaints of the public on the high cost of medical care, he expressed a fear that such feeling might lead to forms of social medicine unsatisfactory both to the public and the profession. He urged the profession to take leadership in studying this problem impartially from both points of view. He suggested the appointment of an advisory committee to the president and with the help of this committee the appointment of appropriate committees to study the whole problem of medical care. Drs. J. P. Kerby, W. R. Tyndale, and A. C. Callister discussed and commended the president's statement. Dr. W. R. Tyndale moved that the appointment of the committees as suggested be made. The motion was seconded by Dr. R. T. Woolsey and passed without dissent.

Dr. J. Z. Brown reported that the Council of the State Association had not acceded to the request of this society that an increase of dues be postponed. Dr. A. C. Callister moved that the county society instruct its delegates to call a meeting of the House of Delegates and that in such meeting our delegates act to rescind the action of the Council. This motion was seconded by Dr. D. E. Smith. After discussion by Doctors Rich, Cowan, Raly, Kahn, E. F. Root, Cornwall, and Critchlow, the motion was lost (16 to 15). It was moved by Dr. F. F. Hatch, and seconded by Dr. Sol Kahn that the secretary be instructed to pay no additional dues to the State Association until the House of Delegates meets and then only if so ordered. Dr. J. Z. Brown moved that this be laid on the table for two weeks. The latter motion was seconded by Dr. W. R. Tyndale and passed.

Dr. J. P. Kerby moved the following resolution:

Whereas, The members of this society donate free services annually to the General Hospital of about \$250,000, and do this gladly, for the sake of the poor who are unable to pay for a private physician, this society considers it only just that in cases where a patient in that hospital is able to pay the hospital he shall also pay the attending physician. This society considers it unjust to attempt to divert to the county the pay due such physician, and would consider it a breach of faith with those physicians who donate their services free to that hospital.

This was seconded by A. C. Callister and passed.

Dr. M. M. Critchlow moved the following resolution.

Whereas, Dr. Augustus C. Behle, past president of the Salt Lake County Medical Society and the Utah State Medical Association, has been continu-

ously an active member of this society for thirty-seven years; and

Whereas, Because of illness he has been compelled to discontinue permanently the practice of medicine at the age of sixty-one; therefore be it

Resolved, That, in consideration of past services, Doctor Behle be made a life member of the society without payment of dues, effective January 1, 1932; and be it further

Resolved, That he be presented with a copy of this resolution and the expression of appreciation of this society.

This was seconded by Dr. J. Z. Brown and passed.

It was moved by Dr. R. T. Woolsey that an assessment of \$1.50 each be levied on the members having a front-page telephone listing and that this be paid by April 1. This was seconded by Dr. A. C. Callister and passed.

Dr. Richard Middleton was elected to membership.

The application of Doctor McLaughlin for membership was read and referred to the board of censors.

A regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held Monday evening, February 8, at the Salt Lake General Hospital. The meeting was called to order by President Neher at 8:10 o'clock. Forty-five members and ten guests were present.

President Neher then turned the meeting over to the Salt Lake General Hospital for a clinical program.

Earl F. Wight presented a case of "Acromegaly."

J. Z. Brown, Jr., presented a case of "Pernicious Vomiting of Pregnancy" and one on "Preclampsic Toxemia."

R. Middleton presented cases of "Urethral Calculi" and "Spina Bifida Occulta with Urinary Incontinence."

R. J. Alexander presented a case of "Anomaly of Colon."

R. Tandowsky discussed "Pneumonia Treatment."

L. W. Snow presented a case of "Spondylolisthesis."

Dr. R. F. McLaughlin was elected to membership of the Salt Lake County Medical Society.

L. E. VIKO, *Secretary*.



WEBER COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held January 21.

Committees for service during the coming year were announced:

Programs and Scientific Work—Doctors S. W. Badcon, Vernon L. Ward, and William M. McKay.

Public Health and Legislation—Doctors Ezra Rich, F. K. Bartlett, and E. R. Dumke.

Dr. Joseph R. Morrell proposed the erection of a medical arts building similar to the one in Salt Lake, which was then discussed and a committee consisting of Doctors Joseph R. Morrell, R. L. Draper, and G. M. Fister was appointed by President Badcon, to meet with a similar committee from the dental society to consider the matter and report in the near future.

Dr. G. Gill Richards of Salt Lake City, the guest speaker of the evening, was then introduced. He gave a very interesting and instructive discussion on the medical treatment of gastric ulcer.

WILLIAM M. MCKAY, *Secretary*.

The Chiropractic Initiative.—Although the law requires the signatures of but twenty thousand registered voters on a petition of initiative, the chiropractors recently filed one with the office of the Secretary of State of Massachusetts with sixty thousand signatures.—*New England Journal of Medicine*, December 31, 1931.